

TOURISTS ENCHANTED BY ARUBA'S HOSPITALITY

ORANJESTAD — Due to a bomb scare at the Queen Beatrix International Airport on July 11, a large number of tourists had to remain in Aruba for an extra day.

The Aruba Hotel and Tourism Association (AHATA), and the taxi drivers cooperative procured for the tourists from Dallas, Texas, who were passengers of the Airlift airline to get lodging, food and transportation free of charge.

One of the passengers, Mrs. Ferguson and her daughter were among the passengers. After arriving in Texas, Mrs. Ferguson sent a letter of gratitude to the management of the Holiday Inn Hotel,

where they stayed, to the taxi drivers cooperative and the tourism office. In her letter Mrs. Ferguson said: "Of all the islands in the Caribbean I visited, the only one I want to return to is Aruba. The friendliness and sympathy of the people is engraved in my memory. Of course I think that Aruba has the most beautiful sea and beaches, but sea and beaches one can find anywhere. But people makes the difference and the Arubans made me feel that difference. I must gratify the Aruban people for sharing their precious island with so much love and human warmth", said Mrs. Ferguson.

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administration building. "Do you think this is something to laugh at?" asked an angry mother as Croes approached the group with a smile on his face. As Croes and van der Kuyp neared her the protester, in floods of tears, warned: "Cut our heads off but not those of our children".

The mothers later handed some 300 signed photocopy letters to a government clerk, protesting plans to close five schools. The government subsidized school board has claimed its move is prompted "by government-imposed measures". Betico Croes, himself a former school teacher,

tried to pacify the mothers, saying they were "mis-informed" and that the schools are not being closed but "re-organized" into other schools.

The disgruntled mothers then protested that the resultant larger classes would harm the island's education level.

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The Queen Beatrix School on the Madurostraat will be the only school for basic education with classes from 1 to 6. The infants school of the Queen Beatrix School will be moved to Seroe Blanco and will be located in the building of the former Princess Margriet School.

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